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DR. HOGE'S LIFE WORK

Brief Review of Notable Events in His Long Ministerial Career.

PASTOR OF THE PEOPLE. Congregation-Well Known Both Continents-Devotion to the Southern Cause -Biographical.

The last named died carly in life, leaving two sons, who became ministers of the Gospel, the younger of whom was the late Rev. W. J. Hoge, D. D., and the elder is the subject of this sketch.

On the maternal side, Dr. Hoge is descended from the family of Lacys, who migrated from England to Virginia in larly Colonial times. His grandfather was the Rev. Drary Lacy, D. D., president of Hampfen-Sidney College, a minister of great eminence and worth. Two is his sons became ministers—the Rev. William S. Lacy of Louisiana, and Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., formerly president of Davidson College, N. C. Many of the remoter descendants of both Dr. Hoge and Dr. Lacy have also entered the office of the ministry.

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Control of the presidency of Hampinery College and other literary income to become a pastor in Lexing-Val. St. Louis. Brooklyn. New Nashville, Philadelphia, New Or-Charleston, and elsewhere, have strended to br. Hoge, but none of could tempt tim to separate Pimon his first charge. Nevertheless, mater's voice has been heard in places in this country than Dr. Ho is in constant demand to.

Invitation to visit the Crown Princess of Denmark, at the palace.

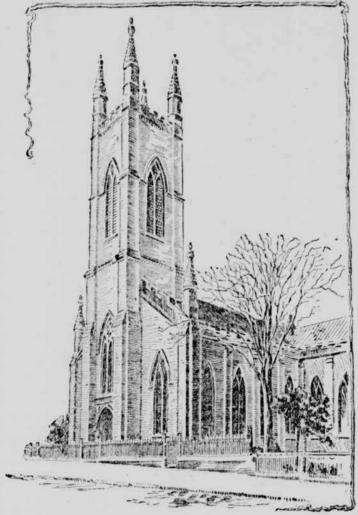
He was sent as a commissioner to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches, which convened in London in 1888, and the subject of his speech before that body was "The Antagonisms of Society and How to keconcile Them."

There is no occasion on which a minister could speak that Dr. Hoge has not spoken. His first address to a large assembled in that spacious building. Often Dr. Hoge preached to the soldiers when it was momentarily expected that he would be interrupted by the actual clash of arms, and he would be thrown into the midst of the fray. Once sembly was a sth of July oration, delivered when he was a very young man, to the military and the citizens, in the First African church. There is no man living probably who has spoken to more varied audiences, and in his capacity as a speaker met more people than Dr. Hoge.

INTEREST IN THE VETERANS.

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Since the war Dr. Hoge has taken a deep interest in every movement tending to ameliorate the condition of wounded and disabled Confederate veterans. He has always been a strong friend of Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, and, by common consent, has come to be looked upon as the chaplain of that matitution. He preached the first sermon in the Home chapel, burled the first veteran who died at the Home, and has officiated at nearly



graceful diction and beautiful description. Yet he rarely, if ever, writes a sermon. His range of reading in all departments of literature is somthing phenomenal; he is a devoted student of nature, is in sympathy with everything that is poetle, is a close and logical that is poetle, is a close and logical thinker, and when he gets upon his feet has all these resources absolutely at his virial to reach.

(Roanoke World.)

The suffrage question is one of importance to Virginia. We agree with the Richmond Dispatch, that it must be met soon. However, we fear that the Dispatch lays too much stress upon this matter. It will be remembered that our contemporary, in answer to a question put by this paper, expressed the opinion that the present Constitution would do very well if it were possible to solve the suffrage problem without a constitutional convention. In other words, the Dispatch would not be favorable to the convention movement if the Legislature could reach a satisfactory solution of the suffrage question. The Dispatch hinks it would be extremely dangerous to elect judges by the people until the danger from venal and ignorant voters is removed. (Roanoke World.)

one of the homest am now parent with prayer the ceremonies at the unveiling of the Confederate Soldiers' and Sailors' monument on Libby Hill. Seldom does a citizen of any prominance die that Dr. Hoge is not requested to take part in the funeral serror. Hoge announced his text, "We spend our

OFTEN PREACHES THREE TIMES.

While at home Dr. Hoge occupies his own pulpit at the morning and the afternoon services, but frequently preaches it some other church at night. Indeed, three sermons a Sunday is not an unusual thing for him—and was his regular work before a pastor was called to the Old-Market church. He also conducts a Wednesday-night service with lecture each week, attends numerous committee meetings, and has a correspondence that is something enormous. As above indicated, he has crossed the ocean a number of times. In 1889 he made a tour of Expt and Palestine, returning via the Balkan States and Vienna and Paris. His habit of close and thoughtful observation of scenery, men, and customs, enables him to turn his experience as a traveller to the very best account in flustrating points in his addresses. Whether called upon to speak before a scientific, literary, historical, or religious bedy Dr. Hoge is perfectly at home. His

practically eliminate these dangers by a proper reconstruction of our Constitution.

(Salem Times-Register.)
Colonel Thomas Lewis, grand commander, writes the Times-Register that at a meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, held in Richmond last

the libration of the control of the

DAYS OF HIS YOUTH.

Some Reminiscences by Judge Farrar of Dr. Hoge's Early Life.

FIRST HONOR IN HIS CLASS.

As Student, Prencher, and Orator He Always Excelled—Some of His Notable Sermons and Public Adtusting the Soldier ever had. Why, last week he burled a man from the Soldiers' Home

dresses—Ever the Soldiers' Friend.

I see from the papers that the friends of Dr. Moses D. Hoge will tender to him a public reception on the evening of the 20th of this month. Indeed, a fitting test. a public reception on the evening of the 25th of this month. Indeed, a fitting testimonial to his long and useful service. I do not know that I can be present to pay do not know that I can be present to pay the control of the contr not now recall the exact year I first met.

him. I attended the commencement at Hampden-Sydney when he graduated.

Mr. William Maxwell was then the presi
where alone he can find his perfect re-Mr. William Maxwell was then the presiwere Colonel Charles S. Carrington, a whole-souled, splendid man; Judge F. D. "the

Among the list of distinguished men. Dr. Hoge won the first honor, and was the valedictorian. While at coilege he gained a widespread reputation as an orator. I have often heard the members of his society say that his speeches in debate were brilliant and powerful. A great crowd was at the commencement to hear the youthful orator. My father and mother carried me with them; I was a more boy, possibly not over 19 years of age. The president of the college introduced the speaker, He was a tail youth, lithe and graceful in every movement.

At midnight, as I close this paper, I am struck with this thought: Suppose all who had come under the influence of Dr. Hoge in the last fifty years could assemble on the evening of the 26th-all who had sat under his ministry; all who had set under his ministry; all who had been reclaimed by his admonitions; all he had mer at the communion; all he had married, baptized, and buried—what a counties almount of the college introduced the speaker. He was a tail youth, lithe and graceful in every movement.

Deatonsville, va., February 22. and graceful in every movement, cheeks were pale and colorless. There His cheeks were pale and coloriess. These was some nervousness in his manner. I was too young to understand all that he said, but there was something in his parting words that impressed me-his tone, his look, the melting cadence of his

From college Dr. Hoge went at once to the Union Seminary. When I next saw him he preached at old Prides church, in Amelia. The church was nothing more than a barn, without ceiling or plastering. I recall this incident: My father, with others, went up to the church to arrange it for the Sunday service. There were some timber sieepers that lay right over the pulpit. Dol. Motley, a college mate of Dr. Hoge, was present, and he said, "Look here, if Hoge gets on one of his big flights he will knock that sleeper through the top of the house." The tim-

mond. It was the last of the year. Dr. Hore announced his text, "We spend our years as a tale that is told."

In this effort he appeared to be under some special inspiration. It combined a wealth of sentiment, an unction of grace and tenderness, that still linger in my memory. I shall now briefly allude to some of the platform efforts of Dr. Hoge at which I was present At the com-

one of the Richmond papers (many papers) were represented, and I followed the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in ludges, insusaid the peaker for a while with my notes, but in the peaker for a while with my notes, but in the peaker for a while with my notes, but it is selected in the peaker for a while with my notes, but it is the content of the peaker for a while with my notes, but it is the content of the suffrage article of the peaker for a while with the peaking of a mountain test in the celebration of Hampden-Sydney, He was a way and the peaking of the peaking of the peaking of the peaker for a while with a sufface while in the peaking of the peaking of the peaking of the peaker for a work of the peaker for a while with a sufface while in the peaking of the peaker for a while with a sufface while in the peaking of the peaking of the peaker for a work o

The unveiling of the Stonewall Jackson monument in Richmond was an occasion that gave to Dr. Hoge the opportunity of his life. It was a grand and imposing scene. A great assembly of brave men and fair women gathered around the pedestal. In the full blaze of the midday sun the orator faced the surging multitude. With the touch of a master hand he outlined the wonderful achievements of the great commander that kad filled the world with admiration. Portraying the characteristics of the unique life of the Christian hero, in closing the faithful picture, I thought I could see the dying soldier as he looked beyond the dark, chill flood to his home and rest in the peaceful land,

PASTOR FIFTY YEARS.

The Celebration This Week of Dr. Hoge's Semi-Centennial of Work.

RECEPTION AT THE CEMPLE

gramme-An Historical Sermon in Special Music to Be Rendered.

couragement to the straying, a light the returning, a rebuke to the sinning, benediction to us all. God bless him. "Who soweth good seed, shall surely

rean.
The year grows rich, as it grows old,
And life's latest sands are its sands of
golds."

A Poetle Tribute. (The fiftleth anniversary of Rev. Moses D. Hoge's ministry before the Second Presbyterian church at Richmond, Va.)

Presbyterian church at Richmond, Va For fifty years this man of God Hais stood before his congregation, Teaching the simple Gospel truth From Genesis to Revelation. He came here in manhood's prime, And how faithful has he been Showing his people raths of light From the dark depths of sin.

Many hearts he has linked, In all these fifty years; Many prayers for such been given, His blessings and his tears. He has seen them from the altar go, Start on the highway of life,

With the loving and trusting wife. To this same church the mourner has

come,
All bowed with bitter grief;
The chastening-rod has been so great,
Where could there be relief?
A loved one has been called away,
A father, mother, sister, son,
Yet would this reverent man of God
Point to the comforting One.

He wears the impress on his face
Of dignity and power,
And whatever the occasion may be
He always holds the hour;
His fame ends not upon our soll,
He is known in foreign lands,
And loved and reverenced there
As his worth and truth commands.

His is a large, expansive heart, His is a large, expansive heart, He stops not in his congregation; But loves to take the masses in, Whatever their relation.
He believes in unity of souls, Of breaking the barriers down, And seeing the people of every creed Stand on one common ground.

And in his anniversary
He shows the loving heart,
Let all the people come, he says,
And every one take part.
He knows in the great beyond, their robes are pure and white, re will be no difference made By Him who mates out right,

And methinks beyond the river, And methinks beyond the river,
When he gathers with his fold,
That his crown will be resplendent
Of the purest, brightest gold.
He has worked so for the Master,
His task has been so fervent,
That the plaudit of Heaven will be:
Well done, good and faithful servant.
MRS. A. L. OWEN.

(Danville Register)

Mr. W. O. Hardaway, of the Roanoke Bar, writes to the Evening World of that city favoring a convention to revise and amend our patched-up State Constitution. Among other changes he recommends is that the judges and the Capitol officers he elected by the people, instead of by the two houses of the General Assembly, as at present. And the Danville Register is of the opinion that Mr. Hardaway says that the people of North Carolina elect their judges, and that the system works very well there. Yes, and in Virginia, under the ante-bellum Constitution, we elected our judges by popular vote. Some of the very best judges that Virginia ever had were so elected. The first judge of the Hustings Court of Richmond, the Hon, William H. Lyons, a great and good judge, was called to office by the votes (Danville Registe.r)

The committee issued a circular setting forth what it was proposed to do, and asking for contributions from the male members of the congregation, and the response has been so generous that a handsome sum has been realized. Many outside the congregation, though not asked to do so, contributed to the purse. Among other things, the circular says: "The fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Hoge's pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church, in this city, will occur on the 27th day of February, 1885. As is well known, Dr. Hoge has given his whole patch.

When the Register started the agitation, more than a year ago, in favor of a constitutional convention, it named as one of the reforms demanded a complete change of the judiciary system. We then pointed out the many advantages of the North-Carolina system, and then, as now, advocated its adoption. North Carolina has no county courts, and, of course, no county judges, but superior or circuit judges, and they are elected by the people. As these judges rotate, and each judge, during his term, will be called upon to preside in every county in the State, he is elected by the people of the whole State.

In other words, the parties in each district nominate their choice for judge, the

THE RECEPTION PROGRAMME.

appropriate manner the fiftieth anniver-sary of Dr. Hoge's pastorate of the Se-cond Presbyterian church originated with the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the church, and first took definite shape in It was decided then by the society to

beloved pastor on the anniversary, to isthe event, and have some public demon stration. After giving the matter of the souvenir careful consideration a spoon was determined upon. The mementowrought bo in gold and in sliver—bears on the obverse of the handle a high relief bust portraiture of Dr. Hoge, with the inscription, "Rev. Moses D. Hoge, 1815-1885," and on the reverse the words, "Second Presbyterian Church." The die was made by Tiffany, and numbers of the spoons have been purchased by Dr. Hoge's admirers without as well as within his congregation.

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bers of the spoons have been purchased by Dr. Hoge's admirers without as well as within his congregation.

The question of the details of the public demonstration was not settled, however, until a few weeks ago. Several programmes were suggested, and among them one similar to that with which the forty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Hoge's pastorate was observed.

THE FORMER CELEGRATION.

That celebration took place Thursday

REV. MOSES DRURY HOGE, D. D., LL. D.

RESPONSES RECEIVED.

lone, eager to testify their since love and esteem for him in whose honor the exercises had been arranged, and at the reception and banquet there was another immense throng. At the Academy the programme consisted of appropriate music, prayer by Rev. Dr. Henry C. Alexander, of Union Theological Seminary; presentation of the resolutions of the Pastors' Association, by Rev. J. Calvin Stewart; addresses by Rev. Dr. John Hall, representing the Northern Presbyterian church; Governor McKinney, Lieutenant-Governor J. Hoge Tyler, Bishop Wilson, of the Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Curry, of the Baptist Church; Rishop Randolph, of the Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. Kerr, representing the Southern Presbyterian Church, and others, and a response from Dr. Hoge, Letters of congratulation were received by Dr. Hoge from distinguished persons all over the country.

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As it was learned, however, that Dr.
Hoge preferred a more informal observance of the anniversary, and the ladies had every desire to conform to his wishes a reception was finally agreed upon. At first the intention was to hold the reception on Wednesday night next, that being the proper but in yiew of

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ministerial life to the services of this one church, and it is universally conceded that no chifrch ever had a more faithful and devoted pastor. In our service, by unremitting toil and the best use of his great talents, he has won a fame and renown as a preacher second to few men anywhere. In this service he has mingled to all our love and sorrows, and in the

the necessary sum was subscribed, paid up, and turned over to the ladies. To this fund those of the Jewish faith contributed as promptly and as cheerfully as did others.

The entire Benevolent Society, of which Mrs. James Pleasants is president, are a committee of arrangements for the reception, but from this general committee have been made up the following special committees:

THREE CENTS PER COPY.

committees:
Committee on Reception—Mrs. William
Wirt Henry, chairman.
Supper Committee—Mrs. Mary V. Kellogg, Mrs. Ida Ellyson, Mrs. James A.
Grigg, and Mrs. Fanny Glover, chairman.
Committee on Decorations—Mrs. John A. SNOW-BIRDS, SPARROWS, CROWS.

THE RECEPTION PROGRAMMS.

It has all along been the purpose that there should be no formality about presenting the purses, and the details of the reception will be very simple. Dr. Hoge will receive the public in the main half or Grand Lodge-room, and the Reception Committee will be assisted in their duties COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., February 21.—That hundreds, per-haps thousands, of partridges died of cold or Grand Longe-room, and the receptual Committee will be assisted in their duties there by the elders and deacons of the church. The refreshments will be served in the banquet hall above, and the guests will be waited on by the members of the Young Ladies' Society of the Church, of which organization Mrs. David Lumsden is president.

The decorating will be done under the immediate supervision of Mr. E. D. Price, and will consist of an elaborate display of ferns, palms, flowers, and drapery.

The First Regiment, of which Dr. Hoge has long been the honored and beloved chapiain, will attend, and will be accompanied by the Richmond Howitzers, and perhaps other local military. Lee Camp will attend in a body, and there will be a delegation from the Soldiers' Home. The First Regiment Band have volunteered to furnish the music for the occasion.

NO SPEAKING. doubt. Early last week our citizens occasionally found the lifeless form of a frozen "Bob-White" lying by the wayit was not uncommon for travellers to find along the public highways a whole covey hard-frozen. This prompted an inclad fields by interested farmers revealed were well-nigh exhausted and unable to fly. Several tender-hearted farmers in this vicinity promptly provided the remaining of saving them, but it is feared that this work of charity was begun too late to accomplish much good. Great numbers of sparrows and snow-birds have perished, to move about. Crows are also dying in last week lying lifeless on the frozen Potomac, where they fell from exhaustion en route from Maryland to Virginia, and

> A QUESTION OF FUEL All things considered, our people have had no such winter experience as the had no such winter experience as the present in the memory of this generation. The huge piles of firewood provided before Christmas, "in case of emergency," gave out in the midst of last week's worst storm-period, and, it being impossible to get wagons and carts through the snow-drifts, the situation was truly a gloony one. But fuel was the sine qua non, and a means had to be invented necessity here. means had to be invented-necessity being means had to be invented-necessity being the "mother of invention"—and trees were cut down, borses and oxen hitched to the ends of them, and thus "snaked" (dragged) over the drifts to the plantation wood-yards—horses hitched in single file, the drifts being too deep to admit of "two-abreast," in this novel "snaking" process. The invention proved equal to the emergency, for a few bob-iail horses and several lazy, lanky steers succeeded in replenishing many a country wood-Mr. Edward McClausham, leaving a hus-band, Mr. W. C. Mentague, and several small children. She was a daughter of the late Charles G. Jones. Esq., of this county, and was well known here and in Westmoreland county, where many relatives and friends lament her early death.

THE PEACH CROP.

The impression prevails among fruitgrowers in this section that the long,
hard freeze has destroyed the entire
peach crop, and in consequence of this
general opinion a number of farmers have
signified their intention to cut down their
peach-trees and cultivate their orchard
lands in corn, a long series of fathers in
the peach crop having discouraged them.

Vessels caught in the Potemac and Rappahannock rivers by the freeze are in a
perilous condition. There being no means
by which they can be removed or protected, it is feared that they will be cut

RESPONSES RECEIVED.

The ladies of the Benevolent Society have already received responses to a number of the invitations to the reception they sent out to non-resident friends of Dr. Hoge. Among them is the following: NEWPORT, R. L. February B. 1885.

To the President of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Second Presbyterian church, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Madam,—Though it will be impossible for me to attend the services of thanksgiving and congratulation at the completion of the fifty years' ministry of Dr. Hoge, I thank you for the invitation to be present. From my home on "the bleak New England shore" I send my hearty Christian salutations. The story of a pastor and people united in loving, Christian service for lifty years seems like a record from the olden time.

Could the other fourteen members of the "International Sunday-School Lesson Committee" speak with me in sending a meeting to suppose the suppose of the suppo snow-drifts out of the highways for a week past.

A STRICKEN FAMILY.

Mr. A. P. Billingstey, the King Georgs-Courthouse merchant who was stricked down with typhold-fever last November, had only recovered sufficiently to sit up several hours a day about four weeks, as o, when his faithful sister, Ella, who had waited on him so many long weeks, was seized by the same dread disease. Some ten days ago, when she was just convalescing, a lady friend who had served at her bedside was also stricken with the fever. Several days later Mr. Billingsley's younger sister feli ill with the disease, so that there are now four typhold-fever patients in that one house, and two physicians in regular attendance. The fact that typhold-fever has prevailed in that family every day since about the 20th of last November, and that that disease is of very rare occurrence in this county, makes these cases worthy of especial mention.

OLD APPOMATTOX.

Church in Heaven.

Most sincerely and truly yours,
WARRIEN RANDOLPH.
Secretary of the International Lesson anent the celebration:
"No one rejoices more than I in his
life and achievements or cherishes more
heartfelt wishes for his continued happiness. When I think of his life and work,

each year adds a new grace, and we find it more beautiful still."

SERVICE AT THE CHURCH.

For the service in the church Wednesday night a special musical programme has been arranged by Professor Thilow, the organist, and this will be rendered by the Centenary Methodist church quartette, consisting of Miss Robinson, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. Clowes, and Mr. Lohman, assisted by the regular choir of Dr. Hoge's church. The public need not be told that Dr. Hoge's discourse will be a splendid effort.

Dr. Hoge will be assisted in the services in the church on Wednesday night by ministers of other denominations.

(For the Dispatch.)

A little darling, soft and warm, A small, brown head on mother's arm; A little cry, so faint and low. It made my heart beat fast, then slow.

I thought that as the days went by

The little form lies still and cold, Another lamb within the fold: He doeth all things well, I know, But still the blinding tears will flow.

Angels, lift with tender care, Our babe, and to the Saviour bear
The little one we laid so low,
We know not now, but we will know.

M. L. J.

are not more barren of comfort than the waists of those who suffer from dyapensia, from fliver complaint, or from led by trouble. But in Hostetter's Stomach Hitters they can find relief. So can be malarious, the rheumatic, the neuralize, the feeble, and the old. Use with persistence this remedy with a career of over a third of a century. A wine-glassful three times a day.

night, January 27, 1899, and embraced | quiet affair and within the church. But public exercises at the Mozart Academy | several articles appeared in the newstanguet in the lecture-room of the church.

Dr. Hoge's congregation, or even to the

breaks.

Mr. W. P. Dodd, of Stafford county, was last week bitten by a rabid dog, and was taken without much delay to Rector-town, Va., and there had a "madistone" applied to the laceration. At lest accounts no symptoms of hydrophobia had developed. The case is being watched with profoundest interest.

Overseers of the public roads have had forces of hands engaged in shoveiling anow-drifts out of the highways for a week past.

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OLD APPOMATTOX.

The people of this section are loud in their praises of the Dispatch for flying so bravely and so nobly to the rescue of old "Appomations" when the insignificant, disgusting "Surrender" was wont to be thrust upon us. As many great strides in Virginia's progress and welfare stand as living monuments to the Dispatch's keen foresight, good judgment, and potent influence to-day, so will the "Appomattox Park" in days to come testify to this paper's conseless efforts and timely battles in behalf of Virginia and Virginia's affairs.

Mr. Charlie G. Bryan and Miss Adah Fritter, of Stafford, were united in marrismony on the 7th instant. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Absalom T. Lynn at Raymoth Emplies church, in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives of the bride and groom, and was followed by an enjoyable reception at the groom's home.

CUT ITS WAY.

The steamer Norfolk passed up the Potomac several days ago, following the channel, and averaging only a few miles and hour, ploughing through ice which had defied every other steamer for more than two weeks. That this magnificent iron-bound craft succeeded in cutting its way up the frozen Potomac at all is next to a mystery, and has been the leading topic since the noise of her immense paddlewheels battling with lee broke the death-like silence of our snow-covered forest.

PLUCKY MERCHANT.

A Richmond county merchant, Mr. Robert Hutchinson, made a trip to Frederic and the procure of th

like silence of our snow-covered forest.

A Richmond county merchant, Mr. Robert Hutchinson, made a trip to Fredericksburg last week in a wagon to procure a load of merchandise to replenish his stock temporarily until navigation resumes. The distance being sixty miles each way, and the roads in many places blockaded by snow, the plucky merchant could not make "scheduls time." On his return home the dismal shades of night found him and his team fastened in a large snow-drift near La Grange, in this county, and finding it impossible to extricate himself from the situation or to remove from the wagon his heavy barrels of John Barleycorn, Mr. Hutchison horrowed from a house near by a double-barrel gun and some blankets, and tucked himself and little brother in the wagon, and there remained till morning. The thermometer that night played around zero, and made a desperate effort to oust the Richmound county merchant and his barrels and kegs of liquid merchandise. None but a cast-iron Northern-Necker ould survive such an experience—a drive of 120 miles through snow-drifts, with the mercury registering at and below zero-but neither the spunky merchant nor the contents of his barrels froza, although a crowd of our local-option citizens gathered around the scene the next morningcontents of his barrels froza aithous crowd of our local-option citizens greed around the scene the next morn Some folks advised the Richmond couman to bore a big auger-hole in his rels and thus lighten the burden of weary team, and before he pussed limits of King George the merchant to yield sure enough. One of the bar was tapped with an auger and a big bucket piaced under the hole.